



# City of Chicago



R2015-957

Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/18/2015
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Recognition extended to Hannah Messinger, concentration camp survivor
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger was born on October 16, 1920, in Carlsbad, now known as Karlovy Vary, a historic spa town in the Sudetenland, an area in the west of Czechoslovakia bordering Germany; and

**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger's parents, Irma and Emil Lowy, raised her in a rich cultural atmosphere of books, music and art; and

**WHEREAS**, In September 1944, the Messingers were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp; and

**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger was transferred to Sackisch and then Merzdorf forced labor camps; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 8, 1945, Hannah Messinger was liberated by the Soviet Army where she was found emaciated and weighing only 70 pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, After being nursed back to health, Hannah Messinger returned to Prague and learned that all her family members had been murdered by the Nazis; and

**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger immigrated to Chicago in 1947 and has lived in Lincolnwood for more than forty years; and

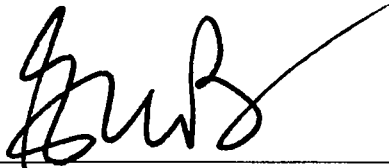
**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger is truly an example of what journalist Tom Brokaw called "Our Greatest Generation;" and

**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger was honored at a special celebration held on the eve of Veteran's Day at Wintrust's Grand Banking Hall, 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Hannah Messinger is exceedingly worthy of our highest admiration and esteem; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of November, 2015 do hereby express our sincere respect to Hannah Messinger; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Hannah Messinger.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gub', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward